A.—(*a*) The information asked for is appended.[a]
(*b*), (*c*) & (*d*) No.

Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo :—" May I know whether or not any memorial from the Ryots Association, Dharakote, and hundreds of petitions were sent to the Government by the zamindari ryots of the estates of Attagada and Kallikota through the Collector of Ganjam in 1928 ? "

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" Is it a supplementary question arising out of the answer given to this question ? "

Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo :—" Because they have said in answer to clause (*c*) ' No '."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The Government have given their answer with reference to the question contained in clause (*c*), viz., ' Zamindari Ryots Association, Ganjam ', the ' Zamindari Ryots Conference '. The hon. Member's question, viz., representations made by the zamindari ryots of Attagada and Kallikota estates is not included in that question. Therefore his supplementary question does not arise out of the main question given here. So if the hon. Member wants to have information on that point he must give notice."

Proposed withdrawal of the concessions regarding removal of leaves, etc., from the reserves.

*33 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Chief Conservator of Forests has proposed that the concessions regarding the removal of leaves, fuel, etc., from the reserves should be withdrawn, because a few individuals here and there have abused them ; and

(*b*) whether the Government have considered the great hardship which will be caused to the people, especially to those living near the coastal reserves by the withdrawal of the concessions ?

A.—(*a*) No such proposals have been received by Government. They, however, understand that the Conservator has taken the trouble to instruct the ryots that the concessions will have to be withdrawn in public interests if they are abused.

(*b*) Yes. A copy of the reply sent to the hon. Member on a representation made by him is placed on the Council Table.[b]

Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—" The Government say in answer to clause (*a*) ' They however understand that the Conservator of Forests has taken the trouble to instruct the ryots that the concessions will have to be withdrawn in public interests if they are abused '. May I know to what extent that information has really reached the ryots concerned ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" Obviously, I am unable to give an answer to that question. My hon. Friend must ask the ryots."

Mr. K. R. KARANT :—" May I know in what form the instructions have been issued ? "

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a Printed as Appendix II on page 107 infra. b Printed as Appendix III on page 108 infra.

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The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—"I suppose the Conservator of Forests must have sent letters through his subordinate officers to the ryots concerned."

Mr. K. R. KARANT :—"May I know whether these instructions will be published in the local papers?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—"I have no objection."

Financial position and prospects of the Chenat Nair Forest Exploitation Scheme.

*34 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to place before this House a statement showing the financial position and prospects of the Chenat Nair Forest Exploitation Scheme?

A.—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to G.O. No. 485, Development, dated 17th March 1928, which was placed on the table of the House.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—"May I know from the hon. the Law Member whether the impressions he formed about the Chenat Nair Forest Exploitation Scheme are correct or not?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"I say that question is an argument."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—"On another occasion the hon. the Law Member said that he formed certain impressions about the Chenat Nair Forest Scheme. I am simply asking whether those impressions are correct and what are the ultimate results of his visit to the Chenat Nair Forest."

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—"I visited only the saw mill and the outskirts of the Chenat Nair forests, and I said that from my visit I formed certain impressions."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"I wish to know how a supplementary question arises out of this question. There is no reference in this question to the visit of Chenat Nair forests by the hon. the Law Member."

Deputation of an officer to study modern logging methods.

*35 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether any officers were deputed or have been deputed or are proposed to be deputed to the Philippines or Burma or any other place to study modern logging methods and if so, who, of what nationality and with what qualifications;

(b) whether any of the officers so deputed has returned to the Forest Department, and if so, who, where, in what capacity and with what salary and benefit;

(c) whether any such officer, on return, has not been employed in logging operations or other service, and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) if the officer so deputed or to be deputed is non-Indian, why no Indian was selected?